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For The Year Ending

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR — Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK — Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Stephen H. Dexter, John G. Elliott, Charles H. Tyler

HIGHWAY AGENTS

Napoleon Boutin — Ernest T. Page (R)

TREASURER — Catherine C. Eastman

TAX COLLECTOR — John Boutin

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Carl Eastman (R) — Napoleon Burke

Charles C. Tyler (A) — Napoleon Boutin (A)

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins — George N. Belyea

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Catherine Eastman, Mildred Elliott, Laura M. Noxon

FENCE VIEWER

Clair Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Benjamin Elliott (R) — John Boutin (A)

SCHOOL BOARD

Catherine Eastman, Alexzina Boutin, Floyd Hutchins

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Napoleon Burke, Floyd Hutchins, John Elliott

SEXTONS: Charles C. Tyler, John Coates

AUDITOR: Ethel Boutin

BALLOT CLERKS

Edgar Morse, Ervin Mardin, Clair Wheeler

William H. Crowe (A)

LIBRARIAN: Catherine Eastman

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the eighth, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects—

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one or more Highway Agents not to exceed three, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see what action the Town will take in regards to having one Road Agent care for all Town Roads.

Article 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses and for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed and where.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take in regards to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take to raise a reasonable sum of money for the repair of the Benton Town Hall, sum to be fixed at said meeting.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take in regards to real estate taken over by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take in regards to securing State Aid for highways and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 12. If so required elect a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 3rd day of February, A. D., 1938.

S. H. DEXTER,
J. G. ELLIOTT,
C. H. TYLER,
Selectmen of Benton.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
S. H. Dexter,
J. G. Elliott,
C. H. Tyler,
Selectmen of Benton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year, February 1, 1938, to February 1, 1939.

compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous year, February 1, 1937 to February 1, 1938.

Sources of Revenue	**actual**	**est'm'd**
FROM STATE:	1937	1938
Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 17.38	$ 17.00
Railroad Tax	22.64	22.00
Savings Bank Tax	18.41	18.00
Bounties	85.80	55.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES		
Interest and Costs Included	$114.37	$ 35.00
Auto Permits	143.22	140.00
Town Hall	5.00	
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes	$152.00	$150.00
Dog Fees	54.00	65.00
Income, Trust Funds	119.03	120.00
National Forest Reserve	375.04	200.00
State Tax	619.17	400.00
From Reimbursement Town Poor	65.82	25.00
From County Poor	18.70	
Tax Sales Redeemed	309.76	50.00
Total Revenue		$1,297.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$2,725.65	1,297.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:		2,923.00
TOTAL REVENUES		$4,220.00

Purposes of Expenditures

Current Maintenance Expenses:

	actual 1937	est'm'd 1938
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$304.53	$300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	272.08	200.00
Election and Registration	44.88	100.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	30.30	35.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Police Department	$ 7.50	$10.00
Bounties	55.00	60.00
HEALTH:		
Health Department	$5.00	$5.00
Vital Statistics	3.00	3.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Town Maintenance	$899.50	$600.00
Snow Removal	597.70	600.00
LIBRARIES:		
Libraries	$12.00	$12.00
TOWN POOR:		
Town Poor	$581.78	$200.00
County Poor	18.70	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day	$18.84	$20.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	$89.10	$25.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

	actual 1937	est'm'd 1938
State Tax	$ 400.00	$ 300.00
County Tax	541.31	550.00
Payments to School Districts	1720.00	1200.00
		$4,220.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		$4,220.00

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON
April 1, 1937

Lands and Buildings	$112,065.00
Electric Plants including pole line	28,750.00
Horses (30)	3,210.00
Cows (129)	8,260.00
Neat Stock (14)	500.00
Sheep (17)	85.00
Wood and Lumber (logs and pulp)	1,304.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	175.00
Stock in Trade	585.00
Total	$154,934.00
Polls (96) @ $2.00	$192.00
Amount of Taxes committed to Collector including Poll and Property	$3,910.41
Average Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes	$2.40

Statement of Appropriations for Year 1937

Town officers' Salaries	$ 300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00
Town Hall	35.00
Police Department	10.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	3.00
State Aid Construction	238.50
Snow Removal	700.00
Town Road Maintenance	700.00
Libraries	12.00
Town Poor Relief	300.00
Memorial Day	20.00

Cemeteries	50.00
Interest on Note	50.00
State Tax	400.00
County Tax	541.31
School Tax	1,400.00
	$5,014.81

TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS		$5,014.81
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:		
Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 17.26	
Savings Bank Tax	22.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	200.00	
Trust Funds	100.00	
Abatement State Tax and Forest Reserve	800.00	
Total	$1,139.26	$1,139.26
		$3,875.55
Plus overlay		34.86
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		$3,910.41
Less Poll Taxes		192.00
Property Taxes		$3,718.41

BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer		$1,157.91
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State—		
Accounts bounties paid (1937)		$55.00
Due from Reimbursement Town Poor		2.00
Taxes bought by Town:		
(Not including property actually deeded by Town) Tax Sales		$384.74
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1937	$1,032.76	
Levy of 1936	8.00	
Levy of 1935	4.00	
Previous years	40.79	
Total Assets		$2,685.20
Grand Total		$2 685.20
Surplus January 31, 1937		$1,810.00
Surplus January 31, 1938		1,798.62
Decrease of Surplus		$11.38

SHEET **January 31, 1938**

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed By Town:		
Notes		none
Due to Trustees of Trust Funds		none
Due to School District:		
Dog Licenses (1937)	$ 71.00	
Balance Appropriation (1937)	628.06	
Forest Reserve (1937)	187.52	
Trust Funds was paid direct to school district		
Total Due School District		$886.58
Total Liabilities		$886.58
Total Liabilities	$ 886.58	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	1,798.62	
Grand Total	$2,685.20	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	$2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment including Road Machine and Snow Plow	400.00
School House, Land, Building Equipment	1,900.00
Total	$4,750.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

For The Year Ending January 31, 1938

Cash on hand February 1, 1937	$1,459.66
From	
Floyd J. Hutchins, Collector 1931 taxes	$ 40.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 1935 dog tax	2.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 1936 dog tax	5.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 1937 dog tax	54.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 1937 motor tax	143.22
Lester Noxon, 1934 Parker & Young taxes redeemed	309.76
Lester Noxon, Cost and Interest on Parker & Young taxes	53.91
Lester Noxon, 1936 Polls	28.00
Lester Noxon, 1936 Taxes	68.28
Ethel Boutin, Auditor, 1936 Polls	6.00
Selectmen 1935 and 1936 (From Bonding Co.)	882.25

Benton, New Hampshire

The sum of $882.25 was received from the Tax Collectors Bonding Company due to the shortage in the 1935 and 1936 Tax Books.

The Collector was Lester W. Noxon for the years of 1935 and 1936.

John Boutin, 1935 Polls	$ 10.00
John Boutin, 1935 Taxes	101.81
John Boutin, 1936 Polls	20.00
John Boutin, 1936 Taxes	620.59
John Boutin, Cost and Int. on 1936 taxes	57.28
John Boutin, 1937 Polls	152.00
John Boutin, 1937 Taxes	2,725.65
John Boutin, 1937 Interest	3.18

N. H. State Reimbursement	65.82
Selectmen, Bounties from State	85.80
Interest and Dividends	17.38
Railroad Tax	22.64
Savings Bank Tax	18.41
Abatement of State Tax	619.17
National Forest Reserve	375.04
Selectmen	
Poor off Farm	18.70
Herman Morrill Estate for Cemetery Lot	5.00
Herman Morrill Estate for digging grave	10.00
Sale of old Road Machine Blade	.50
Rent for Town Hall	5.00
Trust Funds	119.03
	$8,105.08
Total Payments to Selectmen's Orders	6,947.17
Grand Total	$1,157.91
John Cox Note	121.40
Cash	$1,036.51

CATHERINE C. EASTMAN, Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF RELIEF PROGRAM

Carried on in the Town of Benton for the year of 1937

Total applications received during year, 3

Total affidavits approved during year, 3

		Amount
86	grocery orders given	$213.00
2	cash allowance orders given	30.00
2	clothing orders given	5.64
4	fuel orders given	41.50
3	doctors orders given	62.00
2	hospital orders given	219.24
4	milk orders given	10.40
Total 103	Total spent on Town Relief	$581.78

Cases under Care at close of year
January 31, 1938 (1)
Total spent $581.78

Received from State Reimbursement 65.82

Actually Paid by Town
Total $515.96

Amount Paid on County Relief $18.70

Reimbursed for same.

C. H. TYLER, Selectman.

Balance of Road Agents Appropriations for accounts taken back to 1936

Town Maintenance

Town appropriated for year of 1936		$700.00
Received from Trust Funds 1936		63.83
Town appropriated for year of 1937		700.00
Received from Trust Funds 1937		77.93
Total Allowance		$1,541.76
Expended on Roads 1936		$660.05
Expended on Roads 1937		899.50
Total Expended		$1,559.55
Expended	$1,559.55	
Allowed	1,541.76	
Overdrawn	$17.79	

Snow Removal and Sanding

Town appropriated for year of 1936		$700.00
Town appropriated for year of 1937		700.00
Total Allowance		$1,400.00
Expended year of 1936		$440.55
Expended year of 1937		597.70
Total Expended		$1,038.25
Appropriated	$1,400.00	
Expended	1,038.25	
Amount of Balance due in Treas,	$361.75	

Statement of Credits Received from the Trustees of the Trust Funds of the Town of Benton

for the year of 1937

Total Amount, Received from Trust Funds	$119.03
Amount paid by Town for Cemeteries	$89.10
Reimbursed for cemeteries from Trust Funds	41.10
Town actually paid for Cemeteries, total	$48.00
Amount appropriated for Cemeteries	$50.00
Amount actually paid by Town	48.00
Balance appropriation in Treasury	$2.00

Summary

Amount paid from Trustees of Trust Funds for Town Highways	$77.93
Amount paid from Trustees of Trust Funds for Cemeteries	41.10
Total Paid Direct to Town Treas.	$119.03
Total amount due to the School District was paid direct to School Treas. Amount	$77.93
Total	$77.93

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FOR YEAR 1937

Polls	Town of Benton	Uncollected
Roy Aremburg		$2.00
Evelyn Aremburg		2.00
Arthur Boutin		2.00
Clara Boutin		2.00
Ernest G. Coates		2.00
Mrs. Ernest G. Coates		2.00
Benjamin Elliott		2.00
Selah Bowles		2.00
Lester Noxon		2.00
Laura Noxon		2.00
Roland McKean		2.00
Ernest Page		2.00
William Smith		2.00
Mildred Smith		2.00
Mabel Bowles		2.00
Harry Bellan		2.00
Clara Berube		2.00
John Elliott		2.00
Mildred Elliott		2.00
Tony Locke		2.00
	Uncollected Total	$ 40.00
	Collected Total	136.00
	Abatements	16.00
	Deceased	2.00
	Paid elsewhere	2.00
	Grand Total	$196.00

JOHN BOUTIN, Tax Collector.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FOR YEAR 1937

Property Taxes	Town of Benton	Uncollected
Roy Aremburg		$ 1.32
Selah Bowles		8.88
Ernest G. Coates		19.20
Lulu M. Collins		21.60
Ira E. Elliott		25.20
Alphonse Fillian		500.40
Tony Locke		42.96
R. M. Kimball and S. H. Dexter		3.60
Roland McKean		3.60
L. M. and L. W. Noxon		32.40
Ernest G. Page		94.20
William Smith		4.80
Olin C. Brooks		2.16
Leslie Blake		31.20
Harold Clark Est.		3.60
Mary Leonard Crowell		12.00
George Q. Churchill Est.		13.20
Lillian French		1.20
I. O. Moulton		9.00
Carl Kenniston		110.40
Wesley W. Powers		3.12
Herman A. Morrill Est.		8.40
Alice Tyler		4.80
B. R. Whitcher		1.20
Andrew Wing		12.00
Jeanette Morrill		9.60
Arthur Tyler		3.60
Mildred Elliott		9.12
	Total Uncollected	$992.76

Property Taxes actually Collected	$2,725.65
Property Taxes Uncollected	992.76
Total Amount of Warrant	$3,718.41
Interest Collected 1937	3.18

JOHN BOUTIN, Tax Collector.

Taxes Uncollected Previous Years

Polls 1936

Mildred Elliott	$2.00
Milton Green	2.00
Kate Morse	2.00
Lester Noxon	2.00
Total	$8.00

Polls 1935

Mildred Smith	$2.00
Mildred Elliott	2.00
Total	$4.00

JOHN BOUTIN, Tax Collector.

LIST OF TAXES ABATED

Polls for 1937

These Polls were paid to former Collector Lester Noxon before 1937 Warrant was listed but was not received by the Treasurer.

Mike Burke	$2.00	Iona Fenoff	$2.00
Theodore Fellows	2.00	E. P. Morrison	2.00
Agnes Fellows	2.00	Esther Morrison	2.00
Laurence Fenoff	2.00	Cycl Frye	2.00
Total	$8.00	Total	$8.00
(For 1937 only)		Total	$16.00

ABATED

Polls for 1936		Polls for 1935	
Lester Gilchrist	$2.00	Leona Cyr	$2.00
Marie Morse	2.00	Rhoda Cyr	2.00
Ida Rollins	2.00	Marion Cyr	2.00
Orrin Rollins	2.00	Wilfred Cyr	2.00
		Ida Rollins	2.00
Total	$8.00	Total	$10.00

ABATED

Property 1936		Property 1935	
Donald McKay	$19.57	Harry Ronan	$28.60
Harry Ronan	33.48	S. D. Tilton	67.76
S. D. Tilton	2.06		
		Total	$96.36
Total	$55.11		

These property taxes were abated by reason that the said property was not owned by the said parties at the time listed by Selectmen.

JOHN BOUTIN, Tax Collector.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent tax tayer, as of January 31st, 1938, on account of the tax levy of 1937 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN BOUTIN,
Tax Collector of Benton, N. H.

COLLECTOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

All persons interested in the following tracts of land in the town of Benton, N. H., in the county of Grafton, ss., are notified that the same are taxed in the tax-list committed to the subscriber, who is collector of taxes for said town for year 1937, as follows:

Owner or person to whom property is Taxed and Description of Land	Taxes	Int.	Costs	Total
Floyd J. Hutchins, 25 A. Homestead	$17.72	$1.48	$1.70	$20.90
Ira E. Elliott, 60 A. Homestead	23.90	1.99	1.70	27.59
Lulu M. Collins, 35 A. Homestead	19.88	1.65	1.70	23.23
Ernest G. Coates, 1 A. Lucinda Hadne	13.28	1.31	1.70	16.29
Joseph Boutin Sr., 20 A. Geo. H. Clark farm	23.61	1.97	1.70	27.28
Napoleon Burke, 45 A. Homestead, 45 A. N. Burke Sr. farm	16.48	1.37	1.70	19.55
Arthur E. Tyler, ½ A. Camp and lot on N. Burke farm	3.09	.26	1.70	5.05
S. D. Tilton. 10 A. Lot near Noxon's	2.06	.19	1.70	3.95
Frank Howe, Pulp wood at S. H. Dexter's	6.18	.52	1.70	8.40
Harry A. Ronan, 200 A. W. M. Mardin, 20 A. N. Nutter lot farm	17.00	1.42	1.70	20.12
Carl W. Keniston, 545 A. Ward & Douglas lot	61.80	5.15	1.70	68.65

Owner or person to whom property is Taxed and Description of Land	Taxes	Int.	Costs	Total
Harry A. Ronan, 100 A. Joseph Ramsey farm, 60 A. J. O. Keyser farm, 50 A. Carlton pasture	16.48	1.37		17.85
Mamie Pearson Pike, 140 A. Fillian & Lavoie lot	32.96	2.75	1.70	37.41
Donald McKay, Horses in Tunnel	19.57	1.63	1.70	22.90
O. W. Jeffers, 12 A. part of Adams & Black farm	3.61	.30	1.70	5.61
Lillian French, 4 A. part of Whitcher lot	1.03	.08	1.70	2.81
Wesley W. Powers, 13 A. part of N. Blake farm	2.68	.23	1.70	4.61
Rockingham Insurance Co., 20 A. Lebina Parker Place	$ 8.34	$ .70	$1.70	$10.74
John E. Cox, 45 A. J. Norris farm & buildings, 15 A. Ida Annis field, 18 A. Paul Buzzel lot	33.99	2.83	1.70	38.52
Leslie Blake, 60 A. N. Adams lot from Leslie Blake	26.78	2.34	1.70	30.82
William Smith, Camp at Davis Brook	4.12	.34	1.70	6.16
Ernest T. Page, 250 A. Homestead	73.64	6.13	1.70	81.47
L. W. & L. M. Noxon, 8 A. Noxon's Lodge	27.81	2.32	1.70	31.83
Tony Locke, Stock at Coates farm	43.88	3.65	1.70	49.23

And if no person shall appear to discharge said tax on or before the 30th day of September next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, I shall then proceed to sell, at the Town Clerk's Office of Benton, N. H., in said town, at auction, so much of said real estate owned by each delinquent respectively, as will be sufficient to discharge said taxes, and all incidental charges against such person.

JOHN BOUTIN, Collector of Taxes.
Benton, N. H., August 30, 1937.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING—NOTICE OF SALE

I, John Boutin, certify that I posted a copy of the within advertisement at the Town Clerk's Office of Benton, N. H., in said Town, and a like copy at the Town Hall of Benton, N. H., in said Town, being two public places in said Town, on the 30th day of August being more than four weeks before said day of sale, and at the same time sent a like notice by registered mail to the last known post office address of the owner and of the person whose tax was assessed.

JOHN BOUTIN

Grafton, S.S. August 30, 1937. Then appeared the said John Boutin and made oath that the above certificate by him signed is true.

Before me,

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Justice of Peace.

RECORD OF TAX SALES OF 1936

Tax Sale of September 30, 1937

Ira E. Elliott, cost, interest, principal	$29.39
Ernest G. Coates, cost, interest, principal	18.09
Arthur E. Tyler, cost, interest, principal	6.85
S. D. Tilton, cost, interest, principal	5.75
H. A. Ronan, cost, interest, principal	40.77
Wesley W. Powers, cost, interest, principal	6.41
Carl W. Keniston, cost, interest, principal	70.45
Mamie Pearson Pike, cost, interest, principal	39.11
Rockingham Insurance Co., cost, int., principal	12.54
John E. Cox, cost, interest, principal	40.82
Leslie Blake, cost, interest, principal	32.62
William Smith, cost, interest, principal	7.96
L. W. & L. M. Noxon, cost, interest, principal	33.63
Donald McKay, cost, interest, principal	24.70
Total	$369.09

JOHN BOUTIN, Tax Collector.

TAX SALES REDEEMED FOR 1936

Taxes Sold in 1937
Redeemed

Floyd J. Hutchins, cost, interest, principal	$20.90
Lulu M. Collins, cost, interest, principal	23.23
Joseph Boutin, Sr., cost, interest, principal	27.28
Napoleon Burke, cost, interest, principal	19.55
Frank Howe, cost, interest, principal	8.40
O. W. Jeffers, cost, interest, principal	5.61
Lillian French, cost, interest, principal	2.81
Ernest T. Page, cost, interest, principal	81.47
Tony Locke, cost, interest, principal	49.23
Total	$238.48

JOHN BOUTIN, Tax Collector.

Receipts and Payments
Detail Report of Payments

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes com'ted to Collector 1937		$3,718.41
Less uncollected 1937		992.76
		$2,725.65
Poll Taxes for 1937 actually collected		152.00
Total of current year's collection		$2,877.65
Property and Poll Taxes previous years actually collected		$1,776.93
Tax Sales redeemed		309.76
Interest and Costs		111.19
Interest on 1937 Taxes		3.18
From State:		
N. H. State Reimbursement		65.82
Selectmen, Bounties from State		85.80
Interest and Dividends		17.38
Railroad Tax		22.64
Savings Bank Tax		18.41
Abatement of State Tax		619.17
National Forest Reserve		375.04
Poor off Farm		18.70
Total Current Revenue Receipts (Carried forward to page 28)		$6,301.67

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1938**

Current Maintenance Expenses:
General Government:

Detail	
1 Town Officers' Salaries	$304.53
2 Town Officers' Expenses	272.08
3 Election and Registration	44.88
4 Town Hall	30.30
Protection of Persons and Property:	
5 Police Department, including care of tramps	7.50
6 Bounties	55.00
Health Department:	
7 Health Officer	5.00
8 Vital Statistics	3.00
Highways and Bridges:	
9 Snow Removal	597.70
10 Town Maintenance	899.50
Libraries:	
11 Library	12.00
Charities:	
12 Town Poor	581.78
13 County Poor	18.70
Patriotic Purposes:	
14 Memorial Day Exercises	18.84
Public Service Enterprises:	
15 Cemeteries	89.10
Total Current Payments (Carried forward to page 29)	$2,939.91

RECEIPTS AND

Total Current Revenue Receipts (brought forward from page 26)	$6,301.67
Herman Morrill Est. for lot in cemetery	5.00
Herman Morrill Est. for digging grave	10.00
Sale of Old Road Machine Blade	.50
Rent of Town Hall	5.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds	119.03
Dog Licenses	61.00
Motor Vehicle Permits 1937	143.22
Total Receipts from all sources	$6,645.42
Cash on Hand February 1, 1937	1,459.66
Grand Total	$8,105.08

PAYMENTS	Year Ending January 31, 1938
Total Current Payments (brought forward from page 27)	$2,939.91
Detail	
Unclassified:	
16 Taxes Bought by Town	$ 384.74
17 Discounts and Abatements	185.47
Payments on Note:	
18 Interest on Note	23.13
Principal of Note Paid in Full	500.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:	
19 State Aid Construction	252.61
Payments to Governmental Divisions:	
20 Taxes Paid to County	541.31
21 State Tax	400.00
22 School District	1,720.00
	$6,947.17
Total Payments to Governmental Divisions	$6,947.17
Cash on Hand January 31, 1938	1,157.91
	$8,105.08
Grand Total	$8,105.08

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries

Ira E. Elliott (R) Selectman (1936)	$ 6.40
Stephen H. Dexter, Selectman	30.80
John G. Elliott, Selectman	35.20
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman	46.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk	35.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Dog Fees	5.20
Floyd J. Hutchins, Motor Fees	10.25
John Boutin, Tax Collector (1937)	50.00
John Boutin, Tax Collector, collecting back taxes on commission	12.48
Catherine Eastman, Treasurer	35.00
Ethel Boutin, Auditor	38.20
Total	$304.53

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports	$ 52.80
John Elliott, 2 dinners and use of car	8.30
S. H. Dexter, use of car taking inventory, to tax meetings, use of car in collecting tax receipts in audit, Relief trips car fare to Concord and dinners	47.10
Charles H. Tyler, postage, phone, stationery, car fare to Concord and dinners	11.80
Floyd J. Hutchins, postage, stationery, car to Lisbon with Trustees and dinners for self and board	10.46
Catherine Eastman, postage and stationery	6.00
John Boutin, postage, use of car in tax audit	25.00
Edson Eastman, Town supplies	24.72
A. W. Rowell, Assessors dues	2.00
W. J. Randolph, transfer of deeds	1.66

F. J. Shores, transfer	.53
F. P. Dearth Insurance Agency, Officers' Bonds	10.00
Grafton County Pub. Co., printing notices for tax receipts	5.75
F. P. Dearth Insurance Agency, bond for John Boutin	5.00
Norton Supply Co., rent of typewriter	3.50
Percy Smith, for surveying lines	31 50
Lisbon Savings Bank, rent of Trustees box	4.95
Mrs. M. E. Lester, for assisting in tax audit with typewriter	12.00
The Cole Printing Co., Tax bills	9.01
Total	$272.08

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

The Colby Press, Ballots	$ .75
John Elliott (R), Supervisor	3.20
Carl Eastman, Supervisor	6.40
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	6.40
Clair Wheeler, Ballot Clerk	3.20
Ervin Mardin, Ballot Clerk	3.20
Edgar Morse, Ballot Clerk	3.20
Lester Noxon, Ballot Clerk	3.20
Ira Elliott, Moderator	3.20
Town Meeting dinner	12.13
Total	$44.88

Detail No. 4, Town Hall

Mildred Elliott, cleaning hall	$ 5.00
F. P. Dearth Insurance Agency, insurance on hall	25.00
Stephen H. Dexter, glass	.30
Total	$30.30

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property

John Boutin, Constable	$5.00
Grace M. Tyler, feeding tramps	2.50
Total	$7.50

Detail No. 6, Bounties

Bounties paid out	$55.00

Detail No. 7, Health Department

Carl Eastman, Health Officer	$5.00

Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

John C. Prince, 1 marriage	$ .25
Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice, 1 marriage	.25
Rev. F. I. Gaumont, 1 marriage	.25
Rev. Gilbert Wieting, 1 marriage	.25
Hazel M. Woodruff, M.D., 1 birth	.25
S. A. Blodgett, M.D. 2 births	.50
Robert Deming, M.D. 4 deaths	1.00
R. P. Woodruff, M.D., 1 birth	.25
Total	$3.00

Detail No. 9, Town Road Work, year 1937

Napoleon Boutin, Agent.

Napoleon Boutin, truck 228 hrs @ 1.20 per hr	$274.20
Napoleon Boutin, truck only 33 hrs @ .80 pr hr	26.40
Napoleon Boutin, road material	10.00
John Elliott, labor 103 hrs @ .40 per hr	41.20
Carl Eastman, labor 14 hrs @ .40 per hr	5.60
Clair Wheeler, labor 37 hrs @ .40 per hr	14.80
Benjamin Elliott, labor 19 hrs @ .40 per hr	7.60
Floyd Hutchins, labor 151 hrs @ .40 per hr	60.40
Napoleon Burke, labor 112 hrs @ .40 per hr	44.80
Joseph Boutin Sr., labor 8 hrs @ .40 per hr	3.20
Joseph Wheeler, labor 126 hrs @ .40 per hr	50.40
John Boutin, labor 27½ hrs @ .40 per hr	11.00

Howard Tyler, labor 9 hrs @ .40 per hr	3.60
Arthur Delaney, labor 24 hrs @ .40 per hr	9.60
Joseph Boutin Jr., labor 24 hrs @ .40 per hr	9.60
Clough Bros., 85 yds gravel @ .10 per yd	8.50
Tilden Day, 15 yds gravel @ .10 per yd	1.50
Joe Riley, 15 yds gravel @ .10 per yd	1.50
Dyar Sales Co., 6 shovels @ $1.25 each	7.50
Ira Elliott, stone drag	5.00
Central Garage, repair of Road Machine	4.90
Total for work and material	$601.30

SUMMARY

Napoleon Boutin, Agent	$601.30
E. T. Page, Resigned Agent	104.20
Labor & material on new bridge	146.00
Napoleon Boutin, work done at South part	48.00
Total	$899.50

Town Road Work at South Part of Benton, N. H.

By E. T. Page, Agent 1937

Ernest T. Page, labor 12 hrs @ .40 per hr	$ 4.80
Ernest T. Page, team, labor 5 hrs @ .60 per hr	3.00
Alphonse Fillian, labor 81 hrs @ .40 per hr	32.40
Alphonse Fillian, team, labor 17 hrs @ .80 pr hr	13.60
Alphonse Fillian, truck, labor 16 hrs @ $1.20 per hr	19.20
Joe Prue, team, labor, 24 hrs @ .80 per hr	19.20
Joe Prue, labor 8 hrs @ .40 per hr	3.20
Joe Prue, 30 yds gravel @ .10 per yd	3.00
Alphonse Fillian, 58 yds gravel @ .10 per yd	5.80
Total	$104.20

Labor and Material for New Bridge put in on Mr. Fillian's Road

Alphonse Fillian, 117 hrs labor @ .40 per hr	$46.80
Alphonse Fillian, 8 hrs truck, labor, @ $1.20 per hr	9.60
Alphonse Fillian, 3 hrs team @ .80 per hr	2.40
Tiling, 5 pieces, cement, purchased at the State Prison Industries	65.70
North Haverhill Grain Store, 10 bags cement	7.00
W. H. Millette, hauling 5 pieces of tiling,	10.00
cement, nails, spikes and lumber	4.50
Total	$146.00

Work By Napoleon Boutin, Road Agent, at South Part by Vacancy of E. T. Page, Agent

Napoleon Boutin, Truck 24 hrs @ 1.20 per hr	$28.80
Joseph Boutin Jr., 24 hrs @ .40 per hr	9.60
William Crowe, 24 hrs @ .40 per hr	9.60
Total	$48.00

Detail No. 10, Snow Removal and Sanding
N. Boutin, Agent

Rate of Wages for Truck Plowing $2.00 per hour
Rate of Wages for Truck Sanding $1.20 per hour

Napoleon Boutin, sanding 138 hrs	$165.60
Napoleon Boutin, Plowing 122 hrs	244 00
Napoleon Boutin, labor 33 hrs @ .40 per hr	13.20
John Elliott, labor 43½ hrs @ .40 per hr	17.40
Carl Eastman, labor 41½ hrs @ .40 per hr	16.60

Alfred Mardin, Truck 2 hrs	2.00
Clair Wheeler, labor 25 hrs @ .40 per hr	10.00
Roland McKean, labor 4 hrs @ .40 per hr	1.60
Floyd Hutchins, labor 26 hrs @ .40 per hr	10.40
Joseph Boutin, Sr., 3 hrs @ .40 per hr	1.20
Napoleon Boutin, truck only 3 hrs @ .80 per hr	2.40
Joseph Boutin Jr., labor 161 hrs @ .40 pre hr	64.40
William Crowe, labor 20 hrs @ .40 per hr	8.00
Will Carr, sand 80 yds @ .15 per yd	12.00
Rhett Scruggs, felting to cover sand	3.00
Selah Bowles, labor 3 hrs @ .40 per hr	1.20
Total	$573.00

Snow Removal, South Part

By E. T. Page, Resigned Agent

Joe Prue, labor, team 11 hrs @ .80 per hr	$ 8.80
Joe Prue, labor (self) 9 hrs @ .40 per hr	3.60
Alphonse Fillian, labor, team 10 hrs @ .80 per hr	8.00
Alphonse Fillian, labor self 10 hrs @ .40 per hr	4.00
Alphonse Fillian, 3 loads of gravel @ .10 per load	.30
Total	$24.70

SUMMARY

By Napoleon Boutin, Agent	$573.00
By Ernest T. Page, Resigned Agent	24.70
Total	$597.70

Detail No. 11, Libraries

Catherine Eastman, Librarian	$12.00

Detail No. 12, Town Poor

Groceries	$243.00
Clothing	5.64
Fuel	41.50
Doctors	62.00
Hospital	219.24
Milk	10.40
Total	$581.78

Detail No. 13, County Poor

Clothing	$18.70

Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

E. B. Mann Co., Flags	$1.00
Rev. Barron McIntire	2.00
Fred P. Wells, supplies for dinner	7.24
White Mountain Ice Cream Co.	8.60
Total	$18.84

Detail No. 15, Memorial Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries:

Fence at East Cemetery:

A. D. Warden, 30 posts @ .30	$9.00
Selah Bowles, for hauling posts	5.00
John Elliott, labor on fence	4.40
Charles C. Tyler, labor and paint for fence	8.00
Total for fence	$26.40

John Coates, sexton, South Part	$ 5.30
Charles C. Tyler, sexton work in Mountain View Cemetery	47.40
Charles C. Tyler, sexton work in East Cemetery	10.00
Total	$89.10

Detail No. 16, Unclassified

Taxes Bought By Town	$384.74

Detail No. 17, Abatements

Total	$185.47

Detail No. 18, Payments on Note

Interest	$ 23.13
Note Paid In Full	500.00
Total	$523.13

Detail No. 19, Outlay for New Construction

State Aid Construction	$252.61

Detail No. 20, Payments to Governmental Divisions

County Tax	$ 541.31

Detail No. 21, State Tax

State Tax	400.00

Detail No. 22, School District

To Treasurer of Schools	1,720.00
Total	$2,661.31

The Selectmen wish to thank all Town Officers and all others concerned who have cooperated in the Town affairs for the year of 1937.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31, 1938

As trustees of the trust funds we would like to make an explanation in regard to the Whitcher and Mann and Ira Whitcher trust funds.

During the World War these funds were invested in Liberty Bonds, and March 4, 1935, the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., through which these bonds were obtained, notified the chairman, W. J. Yeaton, of the board of trustees, that these bonds could be exchanged prior to March 15, 1935, for Treasury Loan Bonds and there would not have been any charge for exchange. However the bank was not instructed to make this exchange until August, 1935, the cost of said exchange being $72.72 as follows:

Premium	$46.88
Interest	23.96
Broker's com'sion	1.88
	$72.72

On February 1st, 1935, the balance on hand at Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., from the income of the Liberty Bonds was $103.90. The $72.72 was necessarily deducted from this amount leaving a balance of $31.18. This year the balance of $31.18 has been credited to the income of the Ira Whitcher and Whitcher & Mann trust funds according to their size.

The following is our annual report of all trust funds.

Received of the Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery, $13.75

Pro-rated balance from 1935	2.83
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	18.31
	$34.89
For Cemetery	1.40
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	33.49
	$34.89

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lots. Balance for Schools and Highways $13.74

Pro-rated balance from 1935	2.83
	$16.57
Care of lot	$8.57
For schools	4.00
For highways	4.00
	$16.57

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery, Balance for Schools and Highways $27.50

Pro-rated balance from 1935	5.67
	$33.17
For cemetery	5.17
For schools	14.00
For highways	14.00
	$33.17

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $1,500.00 and $250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans

For Schools	$50.01
Pro-rated balance from 1935	9.92
	$59.93

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $1,500.00 and $250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans

For Highways	$50.00
Pro-rated balance from 1935	9.93
	$59.93

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, income from Cemetery Field to be used for care of lots,

Rent of field	$10.56
Care of lots	10.56
	00.00

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$1.24
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	1.06
	$2.30
Care of lot	1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	1.30
	$2.30

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on $200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ 4.12
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	$16.55
	$20.67
Care of lot	$ 3.80
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	16.87
	$20.67

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$1.04
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	.99
	$2.03
Care of lot	1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	1.03
	$2.03

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on $134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ 2.87
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	13.14
	$16.01
Care of lot	2.80
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	13.21
	$16.01

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$1.04
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	.99
	$2.03
Care of lot	1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	1.03
	$2.03

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$1.04
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	.99
	$2.03
Care of lot	1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	1.03
	$2.03

Received from Samuel Whitcher & Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on $200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. $4.12

Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	25.55
	$29.67
Care of lot	3.80
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	25.87
	$29.67

Received from Hendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	$1.24
Bal. Jan. 31, 1937	.92
	$2.16
Care of lot	1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1938	1.16
	$2.16
Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending January 31, 1938	$182.27
Received from Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. balance January 31, 1935	31.18
	$213.45
Balance January 31, 1937	79.40
Total	$292.85
Total amount paid to cemeteries, schools and highways	196.96
Bal. deposited on check account, Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., Jan. 31, 1938	95.89
Total	$292.85

NAPOLEON BURKE,
FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
JOHN G. ELLIOTT,
Trustees of Trust Funds, Benton.

REPORT OF BENTON TOWN LIBRARY
For The Year 1937

Books in Library January 31, 1937 (estimate)	470
Books added by gift	75
Estimated books January 31, 1938	545
Books in Circulation	100

CATHERINE C. EASTMAN,

Librarian.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Cash on hand January 31, 1937	$63.05
Postage on Traveling Libraries, etc.	3.73
Cash on hand January 31, 1938	$59.32

CATHERINE C. EASTMAN

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,

Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN.

February 3, 1938.

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Catherine Eastman, chairman	Term expires 1938
Mrs. Alexzina Boutin	Term expires 1939
Floyd Hutchins	Term expires 1940

Other District Officers

Carl Eastman	Treasurer
Mrs. Mildred Smith	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
F. Lester Trafton	Superintendent of Schools

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. LESTER TRAFTON, Sup't.

CATHERINE EASTMAN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,
School Board

February 1, 1938

RECEIPTS 1936-1937

State and Federal Aid:		
Equalization fund for elementary school (from State)	$ 289.38	
National forest reserve (school's half from Selectmen, 1935)	182.60	
Total		$471.98
Income from Local Taxation: (raised by Selectmen)		
For support of Elementary Schools	$1,048.79	
Appropriation 1935-36	185.05	
Total		$1,233.84
Income from Other Sources:		
Dog licenses (from Selectmen, 1935)	$72.00	
Elementary school tuitions	72.00	
Income from local trust funds, 1935	86.56	
Total		$230.56
Total Receipts from All Sources		$1,936.38
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1936		13.91
GRAND TOTAL		$1,950.29

PAYMENTS 1936-1937

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	$ 18.75
Superintendent's excess salary	36.37
Truant officers and census	5.00
Expenses of administration	33.14
Instruction	
Teacher's Salary	850.00
Textbooks	39.29
Scholars' supplies	24.95
Other expenses of instruction	5.77
Operation and Maintenance	
Janitor service	36.00
Fuel	19.88
Water, light, janitor's supplies	9.35
Minor repairs and expenses	27.08
Auxiliary Agencies	
Medical inspection and health supervision	49.36
Transportation of pupils	236.47
High school tuiton	234.76
Elementary school tuition	210.00
Other special activities	1.61
Fixed Charges	
Tax for state-wide supervision	92.00
Construction and Equipment	
New equipment	5.00
Total Payments for All Purposes	$1,934.78
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1937	15.51
GRAND TOTAL	$1,950.29

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1937

Cash on hand:	
Balance, June 30, 1937	$ 15.51
Accounts due to district:	
Balance 1936-37 appropriation	101.21
Dog Taxes 1936	79.00
Federal forest reserve 1936	163.00
Interest from trust funds	29.85
Total Assets	$388.57
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	$388.57

LIABILITIES

June 30, 1937

None	$0.00	
Total Liabilities		$0.00
Excess of Assets over Liabiltites		$388.57
GRAND TOTAL		$388.57

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MILDRED SMITH,

July 13, 1937 Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1937
School District of Benton

SUMMARY:

Cash on hand, June 30, 1936		$ 13.91
Received from State Treasurer (State and Federal Aid)		289.38
Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation for current year		1,048.79
Balance of previous appropriation		185.05
Dog licenses, 1935		72.00
National Forest Reserve, 1935		182.60
Income from trust funds, 1935		86.56
Received from elementary school tuitions		72.00
		$1,950.29
Total amount available for fiscal year (Balance and Receipts)	$1,950.29	
Less school board orders paid	1,934.78	
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1937 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$15.51

CARL G. EASTMAN,

July 13, 1937 District Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1938-1939

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	$900.00
Textbooks	35.00
Scholars' supplies	35.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	37.00
Fuel	40.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	10.00
Minor repairs and expenses	25.00
Health supervision and medical inspection	41.00
Transportation of pupils	370.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	252.00
Other special activities	5.00
	$1,760.00

Other Statutory Requirements:	
Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	$ 30.00
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district)	10.00
Payment of tuitions in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	465.00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union)	36.37
Per capita tax (reported by State Treasurer)	84.00
Other obligations	25.00
	$650.37
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	$2,410.37

Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1938	$100.00
State Aid, December 1938 allotment	861.24
Dog taxes	50.00
Income from trust funds	60.00
Federal Forest Reserve	100.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not raised by Taxation)	$1,171.24
Assessment Required to Balance	$1,239.13

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
CATHERINE EASTMAN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,
School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools.

The total enrollment for 1936-1937 was 33, the average membership 25.46, the percent of attendance 94.38, and the number of cases of tardiness 48. The percentage of attendance was better than that of the previous year, but the tardiness record was not as good. There were two non-resident tuition pupils. The district paid tuition for one pupil at Bath High School, one at Woodsville High School, two at Haverhill Academy, and six elementary pupils at Glencliff.

This year the present enrollment is only 21. There are five pupils attending high school and six pupils attending the elementary school at Glencliff.

There has been some question this year about the Warren School Board allowing Benton pupils to attend school at Glencliff, because of the crowded conditions. It may be necessary next year to transport these pupils to one of the Haverhill schools.

During the summer a new and much-needed floor was laid in the school house.

One of your greatest needs at the present time is a larger and better playground. If any federal funds should be available this coming year, I hope some money can be used to improve this playground.

Miss Mabel Cushing of Littleton, N. H., replaced Miss Reidy as your teacher. Miss Cushing is a graduate of Plymouth Normal School and has had previous experience in the schools of Dalton. She is doing a very good piece of work.

Respectfully submitted,
F. LESTER TRAFTON,
Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For the year ending January 31, 1938.

Richard Aaron Wheeler, born at Benton, N. H., April 22, 1937, first child, male, living, white; name of father, Clair Wheeler, occupation, laborer; birthplace Haverhill, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Mary A. Elliott, birthplace, Landaff, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Virginia May Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., October 31, 1937, second child, female, living, white; name of father, Benjamin L. Elliott, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Benton, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Helen G. Lombard, birthplace, Burlington, Vt. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Harriet Diana White, born at Benton, N. H., January 19, 1938, first child, female, living, white; name of father, Raymond A. White, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Ella W. Elliott, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Residence of parents, Warren, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For the year ending January 31, 1938.

Tony F. Locke and Delia J. Boudreault, married at Plymouth, N. H., September 21, 1937, by John C. Prince, clergyman; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age 31, widowed, occupation, famer, born at Lyman, N. H., father's name, Harvey Locke, mother's maiden name, Ella Smith. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age 29, divorced, occupation, housework, father's name, Joseph Prue, mother's maiden name, Josephine Beaulieu.

Selah M. Bowles and Mabel Woodward, married at Benton, N. H., October 2, 1937, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age 29,divorced, occupation, farmer, born at Benton, N. H., father's name, Myron C. Bowles, mother's maiden name, Abbie L. Morse. Residence of bride, Haverhill, N. H., age 42, divorced, occupation, house work, father's name, Stephen Plant, mother's maiden name, Della Tibbets.

Bernard A. Smith and Laura A. Morse, married at Woodsville, N. H., November 10, 1937, by Rev. F. I. Gaumont, Catholic Priest; residence of groom, Baltimore, Md., age 33, single, occupation, factory worker, born at Baltimore, Md., father's name, George Smith, mother's maiden name, Eva Sammeth. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age 24, single, occupation, house work, father's name, Edgar L. Morse, mother's maiden name, Kate S. Howe.

Raymond A. White and Ella M. Elliott, married at North Haverhill, N. H., December 6, 1937, by Gilbert W. Wieting, clergyman; residence of groom, Warren, N. H., age 26, single, occupation, laborer, born at Haverhill, N. H., father's name, John P. White, mother's maiden name, Mabel M. Sealey. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age 17, single, occupation, house work, father's name, John G. Elliott, mother's name, Mildred A. Ball.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For the year ending January 31, 1938.

Raoul Gravel, died May 21, 1937; age 24 years, 10 months, 12 days, born at Claremont, N. H., white, single, father's name, Joseph Gravel, maiden name of mother, Eva Thibault; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Delvina Marie Fillian, died July 27, 1937, age 68 years, 1 month, 7 days, born at St. Rose, Quebec, Canada, white, married, father's name, Domonic Derosia, maiden name of mother, Marie Tercots; cause of death, Myocarditis.

Florence Sleeper, died August 27, 1937; age 48 years, 9 months, 3 days; born at Rochester, N. H., white, married, father's name, Elwood Varney, maiden name of mother, Jennie Durgin; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Fernande Allaire, died November 6, 1937; age 26 years, 10 months, 27 days, born at Somersworth, N. H., white, married, father's name Hector Turgeon, maiden name of mother, Anna Lapointe; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Alice Quimby, died November 19, 1937; age 54 years, 2 months, 3 days, born at Portland, Maine, white, widowed, father's name, Pierce Sorensen, maiden name of mother, Louisa Nelson; cause of death, bronchiectasis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk.